WHEREAS, This Fourth of July will mark the 197th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America. As we mark this first peace-time independence Day in more than a decade, we reflect on our inherent freedoms and liberties; and,

Confronting America may appear to be monumental, they are problems that are surmountable through the exercise of the American spirit and will; and,

WHEREAS, Communities throughout the nation are declaring this independence Day, July 4th, as a day to "Honor America" so that all freedom loving Americans might demonstrate respect for America and Americans everywhere; and:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Jakota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 4, 1973, as

"HONOR AMERICA DAY"

in South Dakota, and call upon all citizens, organizations, labor and management, churches, schools and lay groups to recognize this special day through appropriate programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierro, the Capital City, this eleventh day of June, in the Year of Our Lord,

Nineteen Hundred and Seventy three.

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE